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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS REITERATES CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE US
ARMS TO PRC

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SUMMARY: CENTRAL PRESS ARTICLE ON SENATOR JACKSON'S
US TV STATEMENTS ON US ARMS TO CHINA REFLECTS CONTINUING
SOVIET CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE SHIFT IN US INTENTIONS
ON THIS SENSITIVE TOPIC. LONG LITERATURNAYA GAZETA ARTICLE
WARNS THAT CHINESE MILITARISM POSES LONG-TERM THREAT TO
THE US. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE US ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
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CHINA ARE REFLECTED AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER 14 CENTRAL PRESS
ARTICLE BY TASS POLITICAL COMMENTATOR YURIY KORNILOV
ON RECENT TELEVISION COMMENTS BY SENATOR JACKSON.
ARTICLE STATES THAT SENATOR JACKSON "DECLARED
FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERIES TO PEKING OF LARGE
CONSIGNMENTS OF US WEAPONS AND FOR THE CREATION IN
THE PRC OF A MORE 'RELIABLE' DEFENSE TO PROTECT ITS

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." ARTICLE HOLDS THAT "JACKSON SHOWS HIS STRIVING TO SEE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC WORSENEED OR BETTER STILL TENSE." IT ALSO ALLEGES THAT TENG HSIAO-PING IN HIS TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY LAST MONTH ATTEMPTED TO "INTIMIDATE US REPRESENTATIVES WITH ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION'S INTENTIONS TO SEIZE A LARGE PART OF EUROPE."

2. THE SECOND HALF OF THE G. APALIN ARTICLE "ON THE ROAD TO MILITARISM" IN SEPTEMBER 14 LITERATURNYA GAZETA CHARGES THAT CHINA IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPORT MODERN AND PARTICULARLY MILITARY TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO MODERNIZE THE PLA. ARGUING THAT CHINESE LONG TERM OBJECTIVES ARE INIMICAL TO US INTERESTS, HE: -CITED STATEMENTS BY US SINOLOGIST DOAK BARNETT CAUTIONING THE US ABOUT ESTABLISHING A MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC SINCE THIS COULD DRAG THE US INTO "SOLVING PROBLEMS AND CONFLICTS (APALIN ADDS HERE "INCLUDING WITH THE USSR AND JAPAN") IN WHICH THE US SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED." ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES BARNETT AS STATING THAT BOTH THE US AND CHINA CANNOT IGNORE THE FUTURE EMERGENCE OF A SINO-US CONFLICT. - REFERS TO STATEMENTS OF CHINESE LEADERS AT ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS THAT COOPERATION WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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US IS "TEMPORARY" AND "CONDITIONAL" AND THEN QUOTES RECENTLY PUBLISHED FIFTH VOLUME OF MAO'S COLECTED WORKS STATEMENT THAT "NEVERTHELESS" THERE IS THE "NEED OF CONTINUING TO CONDUCT STRUGGLE WITH THE US BY FORCE."

- ARGUES THAT CHINES LONG TERM OBJECTIVES TOWARD JAPAN IS TO INCITE JAPANESE NATIONALISTIC AND CHAUVINISTIC FEELINGS. THIS WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A "GENERAL DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE US AND JAPAN" AND A "WEAKENING OF THE US POSITION IN ASIA."

3. COMMENT: SOVIET CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE US ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PRC HAVE BEEN REGULARLY SURFACING IN SOVIET PRESS SINCE MAY ALEXANDROV ARTICLE IN PRAVDA (REF A) AS WELL AS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIETS SEEKING TO DRAW US OUT (REF B). WE ANTICIPATE THAT US ASSURANCES TO CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THE SOVIETS WILL BE WATCHING THE US PRESS AND POLITICAL SCENE VERY CLOSELY ON THIS TOPIC AND WILL WAVE A RED FLAG WHENEVER OCCASION SEEMS TO WARRANT IT. END SUMMARY. TOON

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